

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, January 13, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

Tape 418

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by Chief Deputy County Clerk Dan Miller and a quorum was present.  
Present: Chairman Henry Wender, Vice Chairman Barb Kramer and Commissioners Joe Stevens, John Degenauer and Kevin Pirlot. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also, Present: Chief Deputy County Clerk Dan Miller, Controller Brian Bousley, Sheriff Scott Rutter and Prosecutor Lisa Richards.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions:
  7. Q 1. Approve/Deny The appointment of Dr. John To to the Dickinson County Health Care System Board of Trustees for a four-year term to expire 12-31-2023.
    2. Approve/Deny the appointment of Dr. Beth Schroeder to the Dickinson County Health Care System Board of Trustees for a four-year term to expire 12-31-2023.
      - U.2. Approve/Deny The issuance if First National Bank of Iron Mountain credit card to VSO Officer, Denise Formolo for the purposes of the Veteran's' Affairs Office expenses with a credit limit not to exceed \$500.00All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner seconded by Commissioner to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Finance – December 19 <sup>th</sup>
Regular – December 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Re-organizational – January 2 <sup>nd</sup>

Because there was no motion and second, these minutes will be on the January 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting to be approved.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.  
  
Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to recess the regular meeting and enter into Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.
    1. Public Hearing – Brownfield Plan for property located at 900 West Breitung Avenue, Kingsford, Michigan proposed project is an Event Venue and Apartments.  
Tony Edlebeck, Kingsford City Manager addressed the Board. He stated this is for the former Lake Shore Property. He stated there will be residential apartments in the Office Building and an Conference Center where the original Lake Shore Machine Shop was. He went on to explain the ways brownfield will help. He stated the project is listed at 2.5 million. He explained the taxes.  
Commissioner Stevens stated this is very important and a big deal. He stated the housing is crucial.  
Commissioner Pirlot asked about the eligible expenses of \$644,000 of which taxes will be applied.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked if they apply with the tax tribunal, will that decrease the amount they receive?  
Edlebeck stated yes, it would.Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to close the Public hearing and enter back into the regular meeting at 6:30 PM. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer
  1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2020-1, Adoption of Brownfield Plan. Motion Carried.

**Dickinson County Resolution 2020-1  
Resolution Adopting Brownfield Plan**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED EVENT VENUE AND APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 900 WEST BREITUNG AVENUE, KINGSFORD, MICHIGAN 49801, PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

At a regular meeting of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan, held in the Dickinson County Courthouse on the 13TH day of January 2020, at 6 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), has prepared and recommended for approval by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, a Brownfield Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to and in accordance with Section 13 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has, approved the Plan at a meeting held on December 10th, 2019.

WHEREAS, notice has been provided to and fully inform all taxing jurisdictions (the "Taxing Jurisdictions") which are affected by the Financing Plan about the fiscal and economic implications of the proposed Financing Plan, and the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners has previously provided to the Taxing Jurisdictions a reasonable opportunity to express their views and recommendations regarding the Financing Plan in accordance with Sections 14(4) and (5) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners has made the following determinations and findings: A. The Plan constitutes a public purpose under the Act;

B. The Plan meets the requirements for a Brownfield Plan set forth in Section 13 of the Act;

C. The proposed method of financing the eligible activities, as described in the Plan, is feasible and the Authority has the ability to arrange the financing;

D. The costs of the eligible activities proposed in the Plan are reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act;

E. The amount of captured taxable value estimated to result from the adoption of the Plan is reasonable; and

WHEREAS, as a result of its review of the Plan and upon consideration of the views and recommendations of the Taxing Jurisdictions, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners wishes to approve the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Plan Approved. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners by the Act, and pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Act, the Plan is hereby approved in the form attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution.

2. Severability. Should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

3. Repeals. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners of the at a regular meeting held on the thirteenth day of January 2020, the original of which resolution is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Michigan Pubic Acts of 1976, including the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least 18 hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

IT WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 13th day of January, 2020.

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Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2020-2, Emergency Management and Safe Schools. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Sheriff Rutter explained Emergency Management and Safe Schools Resolution. He stated it is working well the way it is and they want to keep it the way it is.

**DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-2  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SAFE SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Office of School Safety created under Michigan Public Act (PA) 435 of 2018, alongside Michigan Public Act 670 of 2018, identifies the Department of Michigan State Police as being the exclusive agency responsible for all Michigan schools with respect to, but not limited to education, training, reporting, and building assessments pertaining to safety and security using an all-hazards approach; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula (Region 8) Public Act 390 programs, have been undertaking safe school training and safe school professional development since 2005; and

WHEREAS, current Michigan law requires Emergency Management to oversee school drills; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of school safety to the Department of Michigan State Police circumvents the underlying core function of emergency management, which is placing school safety programs under the umbrella of all-hazards emergency management planning; and

WHEREAS, local responders and local Public Act 390 emergency management programs are far more aware of school dynamics, as they have on-going working relationships with school staff, regularly communicate, plan, and exercise emergency action plans with said schools; and

WHEREAS, funds for a new division could be better used by redistributing to existing local emergency management Public Act 390 programs that are already providing safe school protocols in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Office of School Safety should be established within the Michigan State Police Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (MSP EMHSD), which under Michigan Public Act 390 of 1978 statutorily appoints the MSP EMHSD as the administrator of emergency management within Michigan and the fiduciary for the distribution of grant monies across all of Michigan's 83 counties in collaboration with local emergency managers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County requests the Michigan Legislature amend the Office of School Safety placing it within the MSP EMHSD to coordinate the distribution of school security funds with local community response personnel and local Public Act 390 emergency managers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Upper Peninsula counties, the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP), the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Counties, Upper Peninsula Legislators, and Governor Whitmer.

I, Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk and Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners held on January 13, 2020.

I, Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk do hereby set my hand and seal this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Dolly Cook – Dickinson County Clerk

3. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution 2020-3, Dickinson County Board of Commissioners Resolution Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2020-3**  
**Dickinson County Board of Commissioners**  
**Resolution Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest**

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners is comprised of qualified citizens elected by Dickinson County residents;

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners recognizes that many of its Commissioners are engaged in business activities in Dickinson County and its surrounding communities and those business activities may from time to time present actual or perceived conflicts of interest between the Commissioners' respective business activities and their fiduciary duties owed to Dickinson County;

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners recognize that possible purchases of goods and services from businesses which a Commissioner has an interest may, from time to time, be considered to be consistent with the best interest of Dickinson County despite the existence of an individual Commissioner's conflict of interest;

BE IT RESOLVED: Dickinson County recognizes that Commissioner Pirlot is owner of Flowerland Greenhouse, Inc. of Iron Mountain and Dickinson County may purchase goods or services from said business.

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Henry Wender – Dickinson Co. Board Chair

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Dolly Cook – Dickinson Co. Clerk

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7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the monthly bills for November in the amount of \$1,334,644.20. Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioners:  
Degenauer Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Pirlot Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye Motion Carried.
- B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- C. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens
  - 1. Board of Health meeting dates for 2020.
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot-None
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
  - 1. Sheriff's office monthly report for December.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
  - Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to allow Tri-County Snowmobile club to designate the parking lot at Lake Antoine Park as a trailhead for Snowmobile Activities. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
  - Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the State Fair Board set up an active shooter webinar coming soon.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens second by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the

appointment of Dr. John To to the Dickinson County Healthcare System Board of Trustees for a four-year term to expire 12-31-2023. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Pirlot and Commissioner Stevens are very impressed with Dr. To. Dr. Schroeder stated the hospital survival is very important to the community.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the appointment of Dr. Beth Schroeder to the Dickinson County Healthcare System Board of Trustees for a four-year term to expire 12-31-2023. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of October 15th.
2. Construction Code Commission agenda of December 17th.
3. Construction Code Commission 2020 meeting schedule.

T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Veterans' Affairs annual report – VSO Officer, Denise Formolo

Denise addressed the Board to give the annual report. She stated we are the third largest Veteran's Office in the U.P. She stated because of the VA Hospital, we have the largest number of transients. She went on to explain their procedures, employees and accreditations and how their office works. (She handed out paperwork that is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

Commissioner Stevens thanked the public for passing the millage for the Veteran's Office. Commissioner Pirlot stated he received great reviews about the office from a Veteran that just moved into the area.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the issuance of a First National Bank of Iron Mtn credit card to VSO office Denise Formolo for the purpose of the Veterans' Affairs Office expenses with a credit limit not to exceed \$500.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Aye

Kramer Aye

Pirlot Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Motion Carried.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer -None

9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer -None

10. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

A. Drain Commissioner's annual report of 2019.

11. Controller's Report.

Bousley stated the Hangar is moving ahead and CSA should be in within 2 months. He stated he and the Sheriff will meet with the judges about security. He stated he is pricing more security cameras. He stated the 30% of the fund balance will move next month. He stated Coleman Engineering is working on the Boat Launch. He stated there is a Brownfield workshop on February 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Bay College. He stated the State grant for Veteran' came last week.

12. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Chuck Nelson and Margaret Minerick, DCH, addressed the Board. Nelson stated that 2019 was better than last year. He stated 600 people work at the hospital. He is excited about 2020.

Commissioner Stevens stated compared to last year the turnaround has been remarkable.

Commissioner Wender asked if they are still using Venable?

Minerick stated he (Bart Stupak) was needed in the beginning but right now they are not using him.

Commissioner Kramer stated she is glad Dr. Schroeder is on the hospital Board.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., wanted the mileage rate to be put on the Finance meeting.

14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to adjourn, Subject to Call of the Chairman at 6:58 PM.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk